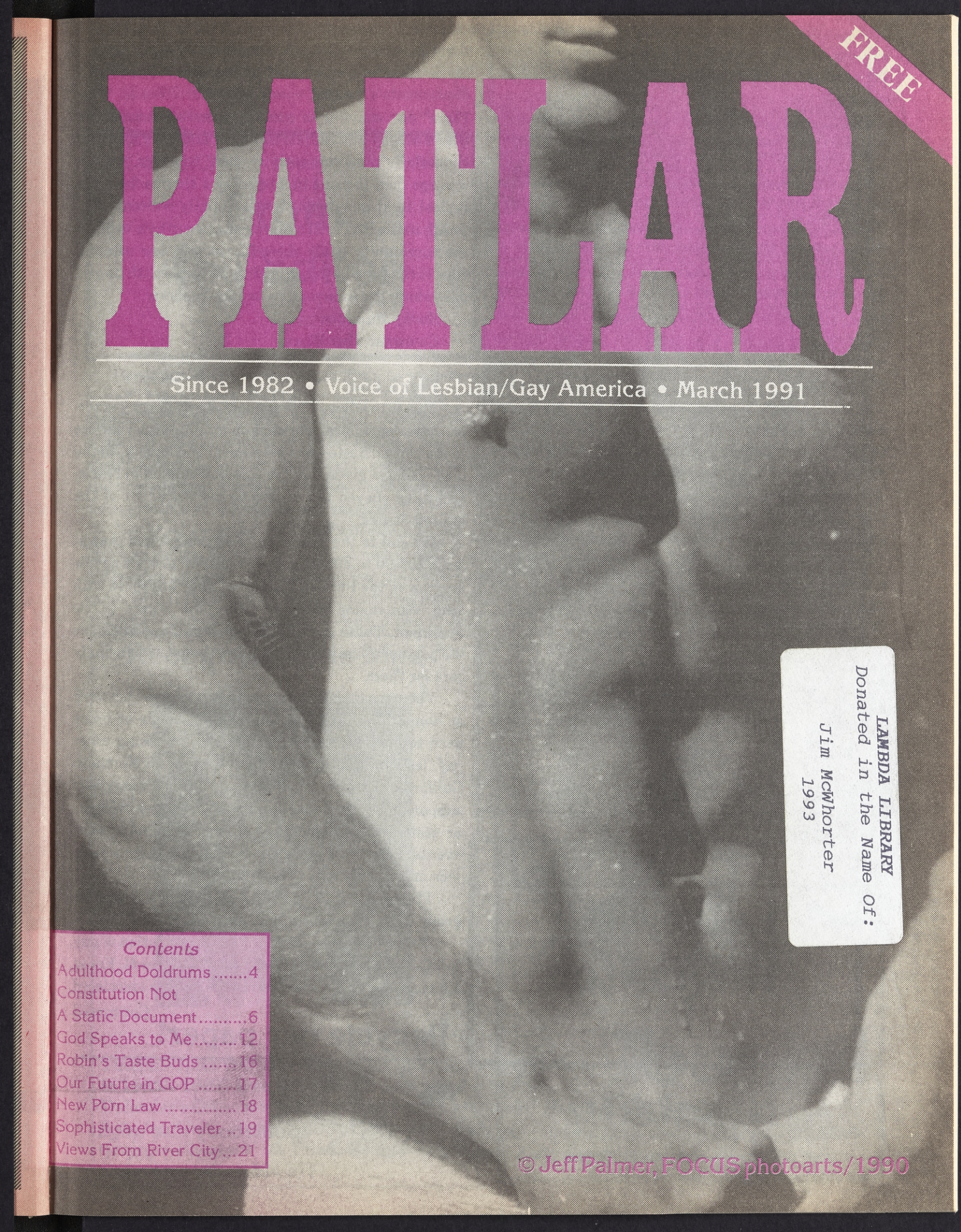

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Having just received the February issue of PATLAR, I sat with coffee in hand to again enjoy the articles and catch up on recent events. Much to my surprise, while reading Mary Smith's column, I found that "Sacramento has not one women's bar in town." Ms Smith should make an effort to come to "Our Place," Sacramento's newest community bar. We, at "Our Place" are striving to achieve a social atmosphere where all gay individuals can meet and have fun. Our clientele is predominantly women' however, we encourage men to come in and enjoy a change from the typical local bar scene. I will happily welcome Ms. Smith as the PATLAR's representative to help achieve the community goals she addresses in her column. Now is the time for Ms. Smith spend time with us and pass along the information to your readers.

Kathy Mammen
Co-owner, Our Place

Dear Editor:

This is to advice your readers about the gay veterans have demonstrate, by our honorable military service to the United States, our patriotism and loyalty. In the past we have given our lives, been wounded in battle, and have obeyed the orders of the President of the United States.

We call to the attention of all Americans that at least 20,000 to 40,000 gay and lesbian service people are now in the Persian Gulf area. They are there with other Americans ready to follow the orders of the President. These gay and lesbian service people have life partners, family and friends at home who lovingly care for them.

Veterans CARE desires to form a support network at home. Life partners, family and friends at home need to know that others care. We are asking other gay, lesbian and bisexual organizations in Northern California to contact us if they can supply this type of support. They can invite those with loved ones overseas or stationed at home to their meetings and social events. Let's show our gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members that we do care for them.

Phone (707) 829-5393 to be listed as a support group or to ask about a local support group.

Veterans CARE is a veterans organization of gay, lesbian, and bisexual veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and other Americans wars. We are associated,

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through the Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, with other gay veteran groups in the United States.

Chuck Schoen
Rohnert Park

From the Editor

Greetings! I felt it was about time to introduce myself, having been PATLAR's editor for some six months now. As you may have read, our founding editor, Dr. James Weston, died last fall. His loss has meant a period of major adjustment, with new staff and new routines. If a few issues seemed a bit ragged, we appreciate your patience and support.

Despite the changes, PATLAR will continue pretty much as before. There'll probably be new graphics or different typefaces, but the general feel should be the same. Still, I expect that I will approach this position differently from my predecessor—with different perspectives or biases. Dr. Weston was a highly regarded academician in his mid-fifties during the time he edited PATLAR. His background was in business administration and English. Conversely, I am in my late twenties, just settling here in Sacramento after completing graduate studies in political science at UC Santa Barbara.

I came out in 1985, as hysteria about the HIV epidemic began to peak, and this has greatly shaped my experience as a gay man. My politics shifted sharply to the left, and my conception of social activism deepened. Much of the expression of our sexuality changed from jubilant exploration to fearful control, and I have seen mostly hints and memories of how our community existed before. Yet these bits of history are vitally important to me and serve as one of the main reasons I was attracted to the position as editor of a community paper, an obvious repository of our history.

I am still learning a great deal about the subtle challenges and responsibilities which come with the title "editor." The lesbian and gay community which PATLAR serves is sometimes contentious, often exuberant, and always striving to improve its standing in society. It is this complex spirit which I hope to see the PATLAR represent and reflect in its pages.

In this light, PATLAR's primary goal is to provide an upbeat forum for our triumphs, celebrations, con-

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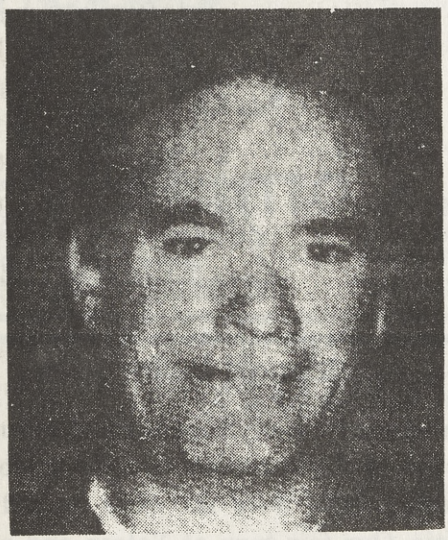

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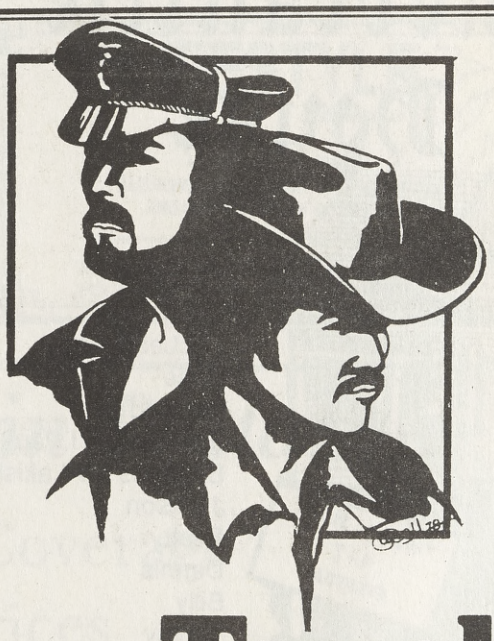

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cerns, and struggles. PATLAR is not set up to be an investigative newspaper, of which our community can already boast excellent examples. I don't assign stories or send out news teams bristling with minicams. PATLAR doesn't even have a paid photographer. Our writers are volunteers from around the country, writing about whatever is on their minds, and our content each month is as much a surprise to us as it is to you. Yet we hope that these diverse writers can share their insights and concerns in such a way as to strike a responsive chord, challenge a dusty assumption, or suggest a possible path for new endeavor.

Which brings me to a key point—PATLAR is the sum of what our community puts into it. The publishers and I cannot know what all is happening out there unless you tell us. If you hold the opinion that the PATLAR is not much more than a "bar rag," then I urge you to take another look at what our writers have to say. If you feel that we're not paying sufficient attention to the leather community, new AIDS issues, people of color, our elders, our feminists concerns—whatever—then write for us! It's astonishing easy. Our readership extends across this country and even to Europe; they deserve to hear from you.

So, now I get to step down from my soap box. I will attempt to curb my tendency to be long-winded in the future, though I doubt that I'll be a resounding success at this! I very much look forward to your responses, and I wish you all well. ▼

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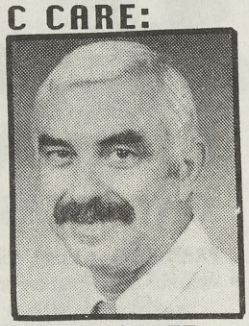

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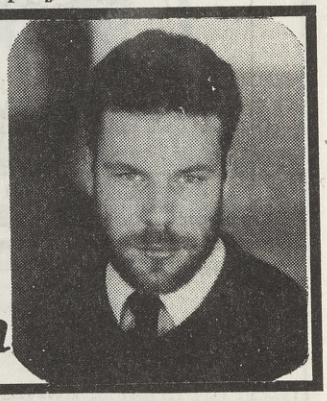
The special part of adulthood that none of us are thrilled with. The expensive, time-consuming, irritating little portions of adulthood that we are all too busy to calmly deal with. the following is a small sample of these adulthood doldrums...

- Annual pap smears and/or rectal checks.
- Presidential addresses in lieu of Nintendo.
- Twenty minutes of aerobics at least three times a week.
- coffee stained incisors.
- Menstrual cramps and/or public hard ons,
- Having to act like a role model when you'd rather just fart and get it over with.
- Hang overs and love handles.
- Thousand dollar credit limits.
- Dreaming up a kind word for the in-laws.
- No longer to say "baby fat" as an adequate excuse for the 15 extra pounds you've been carrying around for the last few years.
- Impotency and bankruptcy. ▼

Mel Dahl
In My Opinion



The Constitution is not a static document. Its words take on new meaning as society changes and its needs change. It's a good thing, too; otherwise racial segregation would still be the law of the land.

When the Constitution was written, Americans as a whole were a homogeneous group, who had definite ideas as to how people should think and behave. The framers, for all their magnificent accomplishments,

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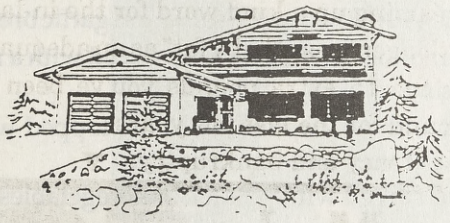

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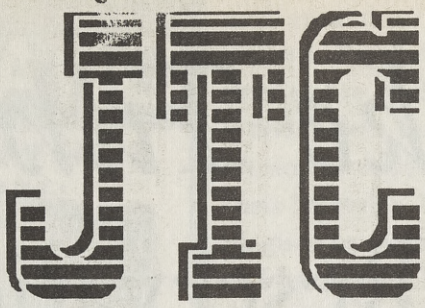

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were products of the age in which they lived. None of them could have anticipated, for example, that someday a woman and a descendant of African slaves would sit together on the Supreme Court. It is only a century ago that the Supreme Court held that states could constitutionally deprive women of the right to practice law. One can only imagine what the author of that decision would have to say about a woman occupying his former seat on the Court.

Yet for the last hundred years, American society has come to value diversity, pluralism and individual rights. True enough, there continue to be lots of bigots out there, and unfortunately they continue to hold a certain amount of political power. But the clear trend of the last century has been toward favoring pluralism and diversity.

Thus, the Supreme Court has held that the First Amendment protects unbelievers as well as believers, that it protects expressive conduct, even burning the flag. It protects people whose consciences do not allow them to salute the flag or carry the state motto on their license plates. It protects commercial speech and it protects the speech of persons offensive to large segments of the population. It protects the speech of pornographers and Communists.

None of those decisions would be conceivable to the authors of the First Amendment. Yet, they represent the Supreme Court's teaching on the First Amendment, because society's values have shifted. We recognize in this country that different viewpoints are healthy and should be encouraged. We reject the notion that there is such a thing as true social or political orthodoxy, we strive to build a society where all truly are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, even those whose viewpoints the majority doesn't like.

The time has come for the Courts to recognize that sexual orientation is an integral part of an individual, that it represents the very core of his or her existence; and as such, it deserves First Amendment protection. Traditional legislative enactments which deprive gay people of their very existence or their humanity, strike at the heart of the diversity and pluralism that make this country such a special place, and we are all the poorer for it.

All evidence points to the time having arrived for the Courts to recognize that homosexuals are protected by the Constitution. Within the last twenty years, half the states have repealed their sodomy statutes. Two states, Wisconsin and Massachusetts, have enacted comprehensive gay rights legislation, with California accomplishing the same by judicial interpretation and Oregon and Connecticut likely to follow suit this year. Most major cities now have gay rights legislation in place, and Congress has repealed the ban on gay immigrants. It is only a matter of time until the military's archaic anti-gay policy goes the way of its earlier policy of racial segregation. Numerous open homosexuals have been elected to public office. The constitution is a living document that reflects shifting public values, and public values have shifted in the direction of tolerance and acceptance of diversity.

Since a sexual orientation is nothing more than a collection of feelings and emotions—that one man finds men sexually desirable while another prefers women is nothing but their emotions at work—the Courts' alternative is to hold that feelings and emotions are fair game for the state. If the state may

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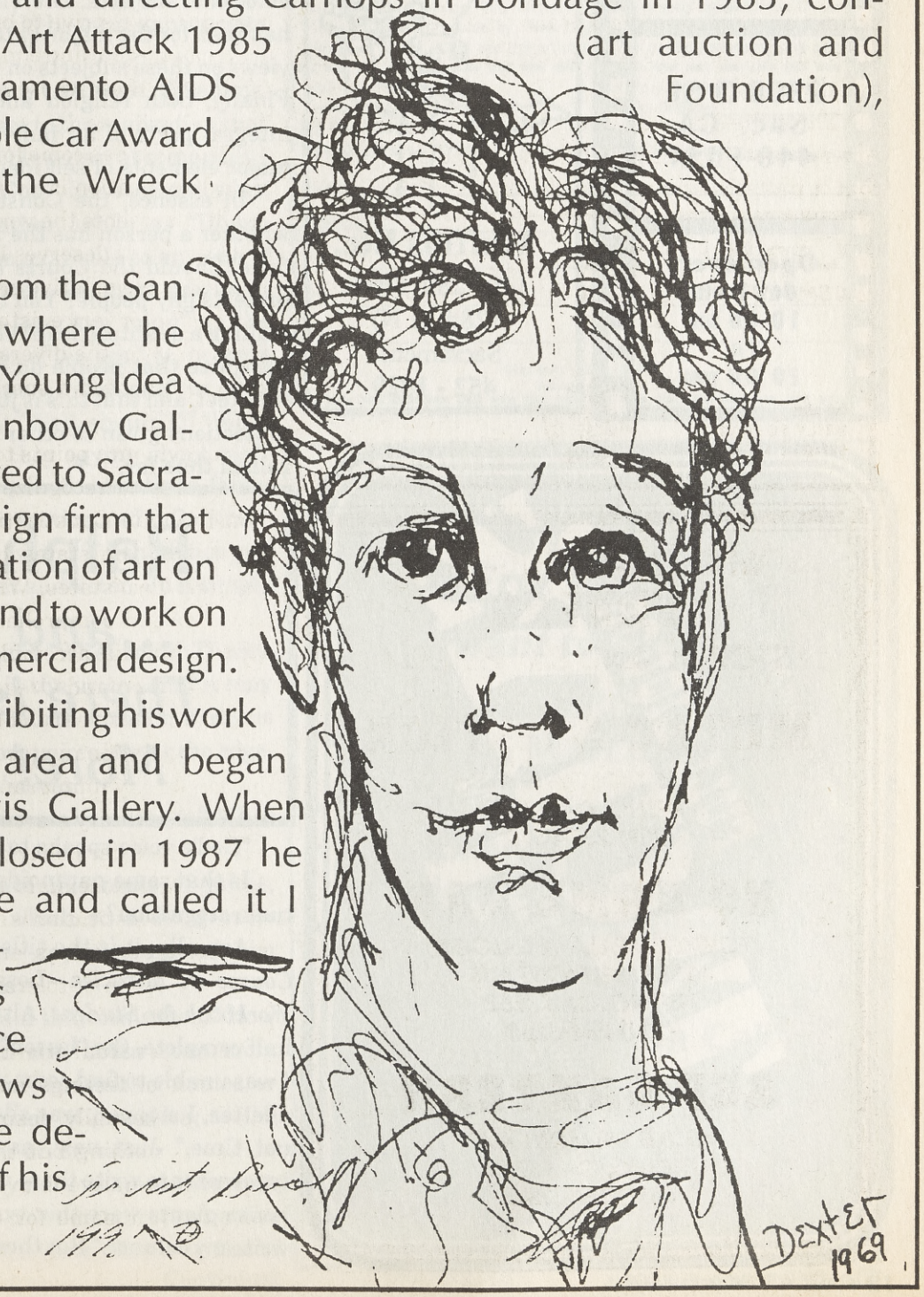
Smith is originally from the San Luis Obispo area where he owned and operated Young Idea Gallery and the Rainbow Gallery. In 1978 he moved to Sacramento to open a design firm that specialized in restoration of art on Victorian buildings and to work on residential and commercial design.

In 1985 he began exhibiting his work in the Sacramento area and began working at Rara Avis Gallery. When Rara Avis Gallery closed in 1987 he took over the space and called it I Street Gallery producing numerous exhibits, performance art and theme shows until 1989 when he decided to devote all of his time to his art work.



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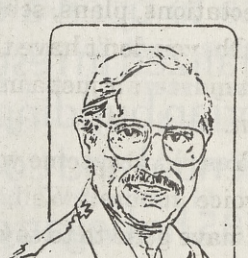
punish a homosexual or how he feels, why not others whose feelings are equally as offensive√´ to the majority?

Indeed, homosexuality is very much like religion. Religion and sexual orientation are both deeply subjective and the product of multiple factors which we cannot begin to understand. Neither one is easily governed by voluntary rational control—a religious tenet either makes sense to a certain individual or it doesn't, just as someone either finds another person sexually appealing or he doesn't.

Both religion and sexual orientation are extremely emotional subjects. Therefore, the historical tendency has been for the majority to use the state to impose its views on these subjects on minorities by force of arms. Finally, both religion and sexuality are both such integral parts of an individual that they tend to be major elements of self identification.

In essence, the Constitutional question here is whether a person has the right to feel what he or she feels. Should the Courts hold that the Constitution protects gay people? You bet. Can they do it without making a quantum leap?You bet. All they have to do is recognize that people do have the right to feel what they feel, and that this is just a logical extension of the protections given to other kinds of diversity and pluralism thus far. ▼

Ralph ...and There is More!



"God's voice speaks to me all through the day."

Is that some paranoid fantasy? Or a deeply spiritual recognition?

Actually, it is the title of my daily lesson from *A Course in Miracles*—Lesson number 19, from the *Workbook for Student*. Although this day is less than half complete, the "lesson" has served me well. When I was unable to find some photos I meant to enclose in a letter, I stopped, was silent, and simply knew "It is not time." Just now, as I was set to rush to my typewriter to write these words, I realized that all the house plants were thirsty. I first thought "no, I *must* write my column." But then, as I simply allowed a kind

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of inner relaxation to still the many competing voices and demands in my head, I heard something between a shadow and a whisper: "Now." Needless to say, the plants are watered (and they indeed were desperately dry; the ficus had even begun to shed some leaves). Now, as I contemplate taking the trip to Wayne (about 40 miles) for a sale on rugs in celebration of the President's Holiday, I allow myself to have not yet decided; snow is predicted, the driving might turn out to be hazardous. But, once I've completed this and proofed it am satisfied with what I have written, I shall simply allow my own ego-voices to be quiet and hear what comes through and know that I have been guided or instructed toward what would be most appropriate for me at that point.

Well, yes, it does sound a bit strange, I'll admit. Nonetheless, I am moving closer to the realization that all I *ever* need to do is (as the Bible puts it at some point) "Be still and know that I am God." For access to what is sometimes referred to rather loftily as "Divine Guidance" is, in truth, always available to any one of us—when we learn how to listen. Or, more precisely, when we learn to quiet the "monkey mind" as the Hindus call it, or the "rantings of the ego," or, in more simple language, that continual "dialogue" in your head (yes, and in mine!) about "Well, should I?" "What will happen if..." "What are they saying about me?" "Do I dare?" And, the endless parade of notions, fears, expectations, plans, schemes, tactics...ad infinitum.

Oh, you don't have those "voices?" I challenge you to sit quietly for just a moment and listen. Just simply *listen*.

Yes, I know, some you heard "What voice? There's no voice in here!" Well, *that* is the voice—and it may well have gone to to say, "Of course what he writes is all nonsense; anyone who hears *voices* is over the edge. Thank God *I* don't hear any 'voices.'"

Oh you don't? Well, what were listening to? What *was* that dialogue?

Truth to tell, we all have this maze of voices, notions, judgements, fears which to a far greater degree than we would admit—or perhaps great than we are aware—*runs* our lives.

Oh, really? Well, where did they come from? How did they get there? To find out, listen even more closely—for the enunciation of your mother's voice, or the priest or rabbi or minister, of grandma, or the policeman or teacher or lover or, or, or....

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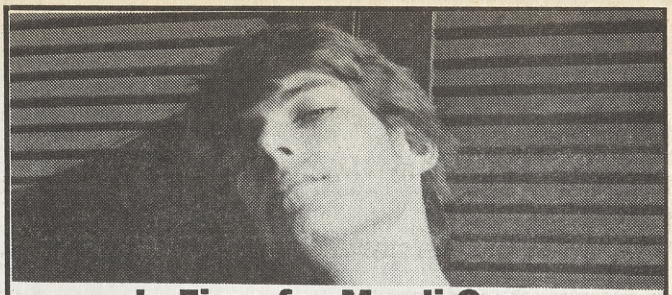

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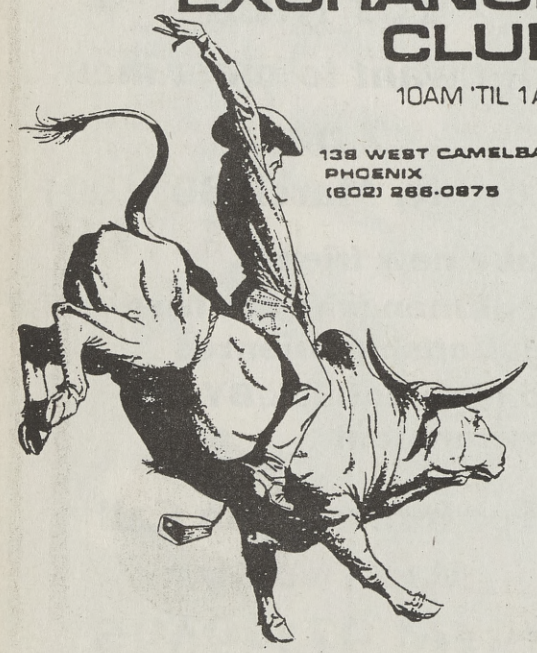

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the *Course*, and the aim of any spiritual path which you may be on—or will eventually recognize that your are on—is to arrive back at recognition of your own god-nature. Once you do that whatever you think or speak or do *is* an expression of God.

Whoa, that's heavy!

Perhaps. If viewed through the eyes of ego and of all of the "voices" you are *now* "run by," it is. It's terrifying, in fact. I mean, the voices immediately rush in to say "But what about sex?" "Will I have to go straight?" "And what about all of the stuff I've done that the preachers say is 'sin?'"

Relax! As I'm sure I've said here before, the only totally accurate statement about God that I am certain of in the Bible is, quite simply, "God is love." And, to that I might add, God is love unconditionally, without limit, forever. That means that s/he/it is totally without revenge or desire for retribution. In other words, the word "love" could be translated as "total forgiveness."

So, you see, when you manage to quiet your mind long enough that God's voice can begin to come through to you—whether in words, or in the serendipitous "accidents" that occur in your life, or in the manifold blessings that you finally begin to notice flowing to you—then any of the discomfort you may have had about yourself becoming a "channel" for God's love and God's voice and God's gentle and ever-supportive guidance will melt away.

"God's voice speaks to me all through the day." May part of that "voice" come through to you and touch you with some of the limitless blessings that are there for you, whenever you are willing to open to them.

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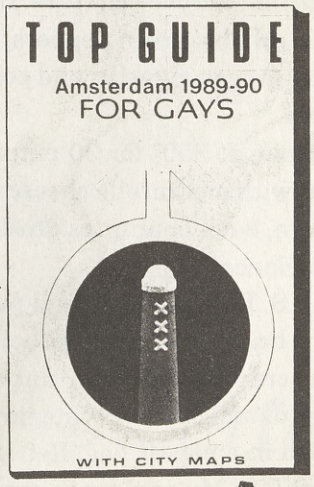

Robin's Taste Buds

Well, it's time to turn the burner on — *no*!!! — not the hair burners, the gas burners. This is a gourmet column not a glamour and glitz scream out!

Of course if you want to use crisco to remove your make-up and mayo on your hair then write your own column. We're cooking with gas. Avante!

Pasta Pizza Pie

6 oz spaghetti (uncooked)
1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 cup cottage cheese (or ricotta)
1/2 cup chopped onions
1/4 cup chopped green peppers
1-6 oz can tomato paste
1/2 cup sharp cheese (or mozzarella)
1 small can sliced ripe olives
2 tbs olive oil
2 well beaten eggs
1 lb ground beef (turkey, chicken, veal or Italian sausage — anything that walks on legs, not fins)
1-8 oz can chopped tomatoes (drained)
1 tps sugar
1 tps dried oregano & garlic to taste

Cook spaghetti, drain, stir in olive oil, parmesan and eggs. Mix well. Spoon mixture into 9 inch pie plate pressing firmly to form a crust. Spread cottage or ricotta cheese over mixture. Brown meat, drain all fat, stir in onions, green peppers, tomatoes, tomato paste, sugar, oregano, garlic, and pour over cottage cheese or ricotta.

Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Remove from oven, cover with mozzarella cheese and sliced olives. Return to oven, bake 5 minutes until cheese melts. Serve con vino bianco.

P.S. Be a good egg and put a drop of food coloring in the boiling water before boiling eggs. This keeps you from cracking open an unboiled egg. Plus, a paper towel dampened with vinegar wrapped around cheese, sealed in a plastic bag. Refrig, no mold!

P.P.S. My gay son is coming along nicely! Sometimes he almost seems like a member of the family since wearing his sister's clothes. ▼

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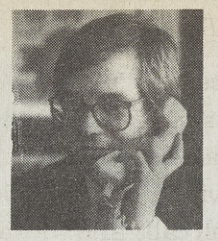

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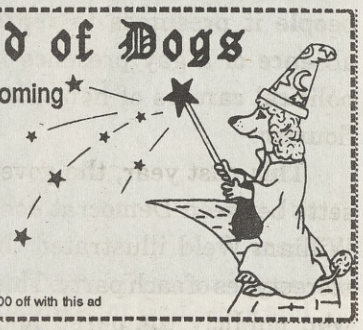

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Why Our Future's in the GOP

By David LaFontaine and Patrick Ward

Why do gay civil rights bills face legislative battles as arduous as the seventeen-year struggle that ended successfully only in 1989 in Massachusetts? Why has the National Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill failed to move onto the floor for even a roll call? And why are only a fraction of lesbian and gay people actively involved in the struggle for our rights?

We believe that the fault lies in the rigidly Democratic identification of gay activists, who both refuse to recognize that gay men and lesbians are not necessarily of one mind on issues such as taxation, choice, and foreign policy, and persistently fail to muster the bipartisan support necessary to pass legislation. by enforcing left-wing litmus tests of political acceptability, gay leadership has cut itself off fro many of the people it presumes to represent, and, through the absence of a gay presence in the GOP, allowed the political careers of homophobes like Jesse Helms to flourish.

This past year, the governors race in Massachusetts between Democrat John Silber and Republican William Weld illustrated the danger of adhering to stereotypes of each party. This time it was the Democrat who publicly compared homosexuality to bestiality and vowed to reinstate an anti-gay foster-care policy Bill Weld promised to veto foster-care restrictions and appoint lesbian and gays to key positions throughout his administration.

The Massachusetts Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights became the first gay rights group in Massachusetts history to endorse the Republican ticket for governor. Other gay endorsements followed. A blaze of publicity in the mainstream media covering the general gay crossover to Weld culminated in a dramatic finish; Weld edged Silber by a mere 70,000 voted out of the two and a half million cast.

Unfortunately, many gay activists in Massachusetts were not so forward-thinking when it came to supporting one of their own, openly gay Republican Mike Duffy, who challenged entrenched Democrat State Representative Byron Rushing in a district including a huge percentage of Boston's gay population.

Whereas gay support for Weld demonstrated our greatest show of strength, gay opposition to Duffy cost us our chance to elect one of the painfully few openly gay legislators in the nation. A concerted smear campaign playing on stereotypical notions about Republicans ("You belong to the party of Ronald Reagan. You're killing us!") succeeded in dividing what should have been Duffy's natural base. The result: Duffy lost by a mere 800 votes.

The general unwillingness to support Republicans, and even openly gay Republicans, keeps us perennially in thrall to a Democratic establishment that takes our votes for granted. The colossal stupidity of the one-party strategy has had three disastrous effects: the nurturance of right-wing republican homophobes, the weakening and silencing of pro-gay, progressive Republicans, and the allowance of lackluster, liberal Democrats to exploit us at their will and ignore us at their convenience.

We believe that an alliance between gay people

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and the Republican party is a very natural expression of a shared desire to prevent government intrusion into the private lives of American citizens. This Republican tenet, often disregarded during the Reagan administration at the behest of the religious right, seems to be re-emerging under George Bush's leadership. Bush, inviting members of the California Log Cabin Federation to the White House for the signing of the National Hate Crimes bill, became the first president in our history to invite openly gay people into the White House because of, and not in spite of, their sexual orientation.

The Republican party at its best has always been a champion of individual rights and liberties. This roots are in the writings of Lincoln and in the spirit of abolition. If we, as gay people, can only cast aside foolish preconceptions of what it means to be a Republican, and give suitable Republican candidates our full support, we stand to gain an unprecedented degree of political power and influence. ▼

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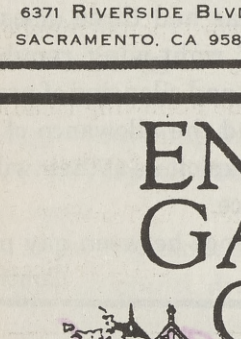

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New Federal Pornography Law

A new federal anti-pornography law that bans possession of photos showing genitals of persons younger than 18 years is placing librarians, sex researchers, and hundreds of thousands of individuals at risk for federal police raids, five-year jail terms, and $250,000 fines.

Passed as part of the Omnibus Crime Bill and signed by George Bush last November 29th, the law criminalizes possession of three or more books, publications, films, videos, or photographs depicting persons under 18 whose genitals are portrayed in a "lascivious" way. Courts have decided that photos of nude minors are "lascivious" simply because the models' legs are slightly spread, their facial expressing is sexually suggestive, or just that the person possessing the images finds them erotic.

Though the law is aimed at "child pornography," its broad language criminalizes possession of back issues of popular gay publications such as, *Christopher Street*, *Fag Rag*, as well as *Penthouse*, *The Village Voice*, the acclaimed sex education book *Show Me!*, and photography books by Baron Wilhelm von Gloeden, Tony Patrioli, Will McBride, and countless other publications which are available at gay book stores.

The law does not exempt museums, libraries, or sex researchers-an omission that a Justice Department official says was "intentional," and which gives the US government legal authority to shut down most lesbian and gay archives and sex research libraries.

The legal basis for the porn law was an April, 1990, Supreme Court decision that upheld by a 6-3 vote the conviction of Clyde Osborne, a gay man in Columbus, Ohio, who was arrested when police found in his home four photos of a naked adolescent boy. In a bitter dissent, Justice William Brennan said that possession laws give the government broad powers that will be used unfairly to target gay men.

With new state and federal penalties for possession combined, "sentences equivalent to those given murderers are possible for the mere possession of images that could be bought in any Waldenbooks 15 years ago, "notes Bill Andriette in an article in the February, 1991, issue of *The Guide*, a national gay monthly based in Boston. ▼

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The Sophisticated Gay & Lesbian Traveler

By Ira Gruber and Tina Jenneray

We have heard it said that it is positively unthinkable for a truly sophisticated gay or lesbian traveler to not have spent time in either New Orleans or Ft. Lauderdale. Straights who consider themselves "hip" and sophisticated really haven't "arrived" (as they say) until they have hit the slopes of Sun Valley or Aspen; but for some reason the gay community prefers to seek out warm weather resorts such as Palm Springs and San Juan. Well, let's face facts. In all honesty, we love to show off our bodies more than our ability to race headlong into an icy wind at sixty miles an hour down some slippery mountainside. We prefer the warm sun and the sweet smell of coconut oil... and we also love a good party.

So, if you want the ultimate party town, let's talk first about the Grandaddy of them all, "N'Awlins", Louisiana. In this article we will concentrate on telling you about the Lafitte Guest House, a legendary member of the Distinguished Inns and Historic Hotels, and which is located right in the heart of the French Quarter, at 1003 Bourbon Street. As far as we are concerned, when in New Orleans this is the place to stay. It is as much a part of the tradition of the city as streetcars, hot jazz and voodoo queens; and the location simply cannot be beat! It is within walking distance of at least twenty ay and lesbian gars, so whatever your pleasure...whether it be a quiet stroll through rows of

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The atmosphere at Lafitte's is tranquil and pleasant. It can even serve as a much welcome sanctuary from the gaiety of the never-ending party of the neighborhood in which it resides. All the rooms are fully carpeted and offer either queen or king-sized beds. Each room is individually decorated with period furnishings and is uniquely different in it's detailing. From the windows and private balconies you can gaze at the ever-changing skyline of a modern, bustling port city combined with the constant brick and stucco structures of the French and Spanish periods, a contrast set off even more so by a view of the top of the world-famous SuperDome.

We feel that Lafitte's is the best choice of the six gay B&B's now in operation in New Orleans. Why

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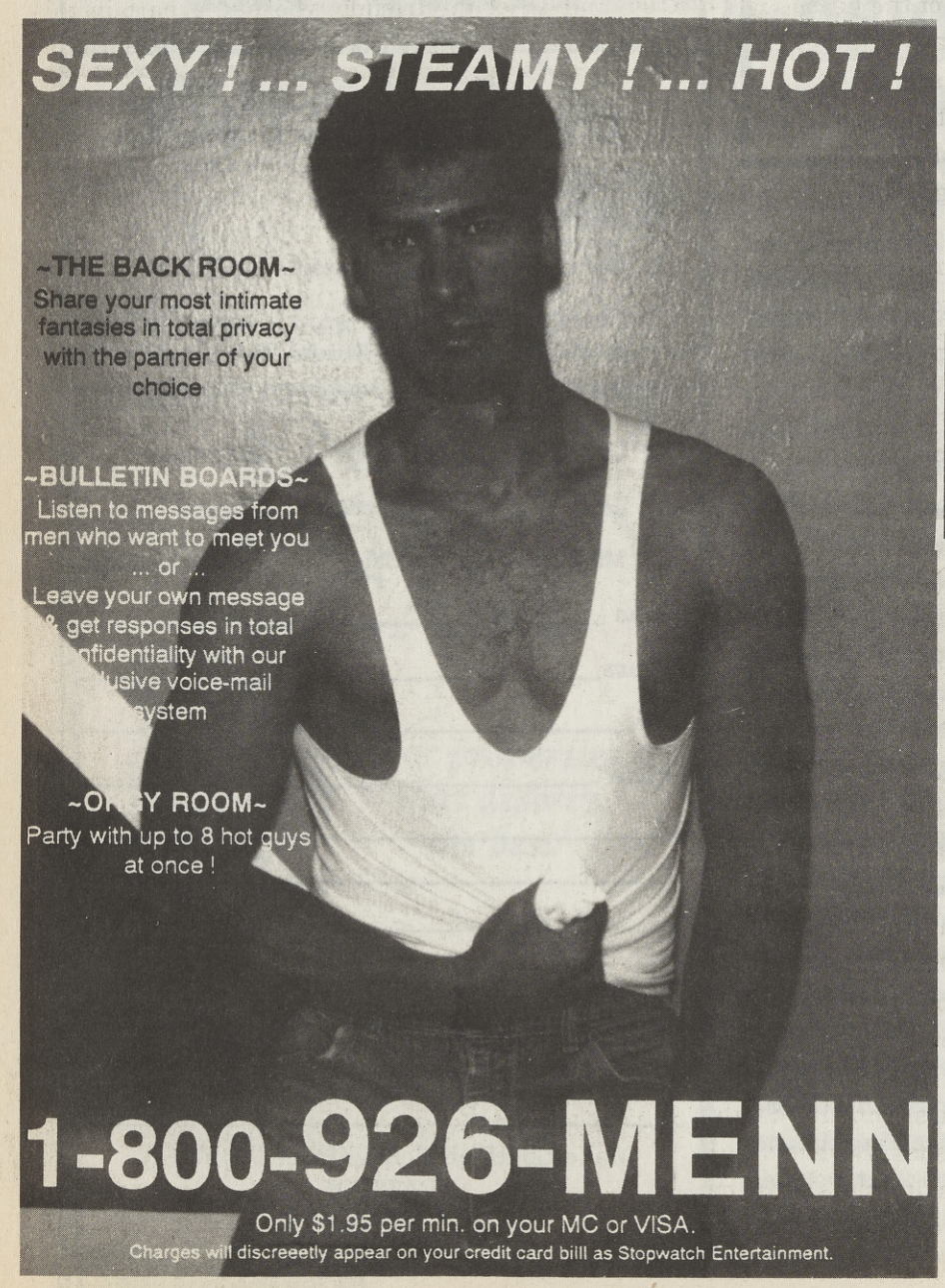
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Now, back to the smell of coconut oil and well-tanned bodies. We want to say something about the Marlin Beach Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, best known for that fantastic movie of a by-gone age "Where the Boys Are"...well, this is where the boys are, and some of the girls, as well. While the Marlin Beach suffered some for its previously run-down and tacky atmosphere, it has since been redecorated in a more tasteful manner and is really quite nice now. There are friendly bars on the premises and a fun pool where one can swim in the nude without fear of being ostracized. On the tropical sun deck you can cruise until you capture the attention of Mr. Right (women seem to come here in pairs already). About 5% of the guests tend to be women, and they delight in the close proximity of the beach right across the street. There is nothing quite like the pounding of those Atlantic Ocean waves of Ft. Lauderdale...seaweed and all! After a day on the beach, beautiful people and hot disco music come together for afternoon Tea Dancing, a Marlin Beach tradition.

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Ernie Brown *Views From River City*

Well, did you find it? Did you find him? Did you find her? Or did you let Valentine's Day 1991 go by unscathed? If you are one of the lucky ones that found love remember this "Nurture it! Don't let it be a season pass on the shuttle between heaven and hell. Love we say is life, but love without hope and faith is agonizing death. Love is the selfishness of two persons. Love is a two way street, for instance, love makes time pass and time makes love pass. Love is the fire of life—it either consumes or purifies." So all of you lucky ones out there who found love this year handle it with care, balance it and remember nothing kills love like an overdose of it.

Congratulations to Emperor Paul and Empress Stacey for a job well done. Your dinner show on December 10 at Joseph's Town and Country was a big hit. As you know this was a fund raiser event for the Fairy Godfather Fund, UCD Medical Center's 8th floor Persons with AIDS (PWA's). I am glad to report that they raised over $701. To you two I say a job well done! Paul and Stacey would like to thank the entire community for their participation and support.

I, Ernie Brown, would like to go on the record now in thanking the entire community for making my 60th (yes, I said 60th) birthday such a big celebration. A special thanks goes to Bobette at the Merc, LaKish at the Merc, Joseph's Town and Country, Raggs, Aunt Rose, and all of my friends who had a part in this celebration. I again say thank you. Continued

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Remember, I have just begun to live. In spite of myself, 40 is the old age of youth, sixty is the youth of old age. A man is as young as long as he repeats his emotion. The only trouble with that is it's harder to find someone to inspire him. Keep on trucking.

To the Sacramento community and to all my national readers thank you! Now onto 61.

Once again, the ides of March are upon us. Spring is in the air, young men and women fancies turn.

I don't believe it, this year so far has been a trip. We have broken all kinds of records and we are just three months into 1991. First of all, we had the coldest Winter on record and the hottest on record. Now work with that!

In the mean time, let's enjoy March—the beginning of Spring. Coming up March 7 is an auction at the Merc. It starts at 7 p.m.. It's produced and directed by the one and only LaKish Hayward. So clean out your closets, garages and cabinets, and bring it on down to Kish. Remember, your discards may be another man's masterpiece. All proceeds go to the Fairy Godfathers Fund.

Listen up all of you Pisces. There is going to be a party for you on March 11 at the Mercantile Saloon. It starts at 4 p.m.. Stop by the Merc and register if you are a Pisces. And participate!

Here is something to look forward at the Merc—The Robin Becker Show, starring the one and only! Check with the Merc for details.

On March 23 catch the Closet Ball at Joseph's Town and Country. Doors open at 6 p.m. with show starting at 7 p.m.

Moving right along, The Town House during the month of March will be exhibiting the artistic works of Dexter Smith. This a a must see as he is a fantastic artist.

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The Western is also having a St. Patrick's Day show starting at 3:30 p.m. It's sponsored by Duke Patrick and Barbara Love. All proceeds go to The Godfather Fund.

On March 9 Felicia's show at the Western. Check later for time.

Joseph's Town & Country is having a whole month of events during March that are too numerous to mention here. Go out and check their full calendar.

Here is a biggy! Empress Vannah Woosey What & CGNIE presents La Cage Aw Ful Sunday, March 17 at the Tuesday Club (2722 L Street). Doors open 6 p.m. and it is $10 at the door. This is a must see. This is a contest to crown the Awfulest Queen of the Capitol. I wouldn't want to be a judge on this one! This too is a fund raiser for the Sacramento AIDS Foundation.

Congratulations to Terry Sidee of Faces for winning for the second year in a row the Sacramento News & Review's Best of Sacramento Reader's Poll. Yes, the votes are in. Terry Sidee, they elected you and/or your business as the Sacramento region's best place to dance, best gay spot and best place to meet boys. The results of the poll will be featured in a special March 7 edition of the Sacramento News & Review. So out of 153,400 readers Faces is the top. Congratulations again Terry!

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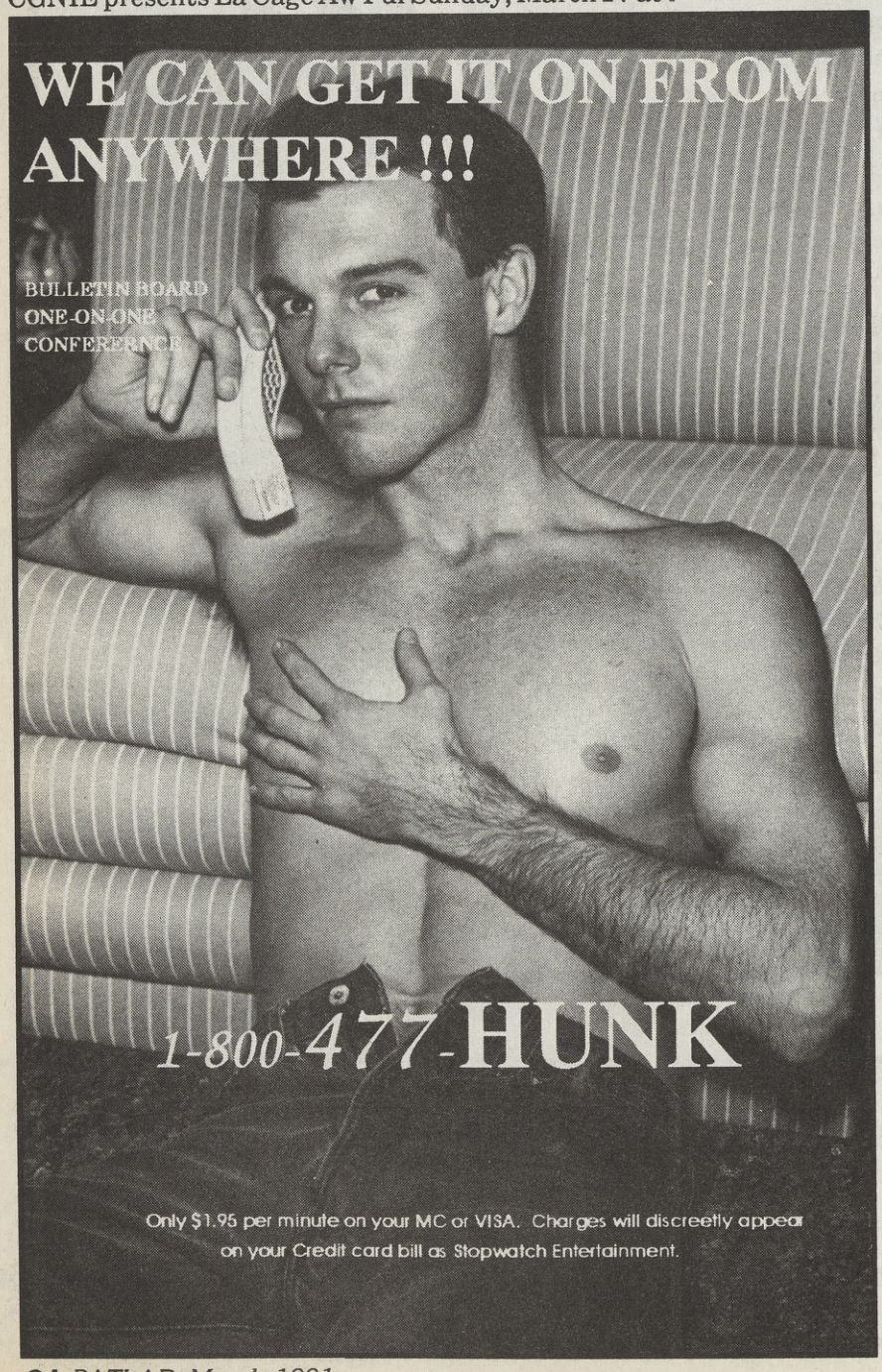
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Here is an update on my dearest "Aunt Rose." At this moment she is recuperating quite nicely. Thanks you all for inquiring about her. She asked me to thank each and very one of you for your get well cards and letters. she will be out and about real soon.

Listen up, I need your input now! I was sitting in a bar (a favorite watering hole), when I was approached by a young man. He said to me, "Are you Ernie Brown?" I said, "Yes." He retorted, "You write for a gay magazine?" I said, "Yes." He answered, "Then you are the one I want to talk to." What followed after that really pissed me off pardon my French). He began ranting and raving about how bad the people in the gay community had been to him, "The are unfriendly; they have cliques; no one will talk to me or invite me out anywhere; I cannot make any friends."

I proceeded to tell hem, "To make friends you will have to be one." His reply was, "It is easy for you to say that, because you are very popular here. I've been noticing you; you have people around all the time. When I lived in San Francisco I was popular too, and because this town is so unfriendly I am going to move back there."

This young man's mind was made up, and nothing I said would convince him otherwise. I saw where he even sent a letter to MGW with the same beef. So what I am asking is if you would please write to me and let me know what you think of Sacramento; especially if you are a newcomer here. I love this town, and I would hate for it to be classified as an unfriendly, uncaring, cliquish town. Most of us that have lived here for a long time have developed such close friendships that we maybe unaware of this underlying current. I would hate to think that, as I love this town. All the indications I get from talking to newcomers, particularly from San Francisco, seems to show that they love Sacramento too.

So let me hear from you. Write me at : Ernie Brown, c/o *The PATLAR,* PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. I would love to hear from you on the above matter. The results from your letters will be printed here in my next issue. I appreciate your help, thank you. Have a nice Easter, and remember, happiness is no laughing matter.

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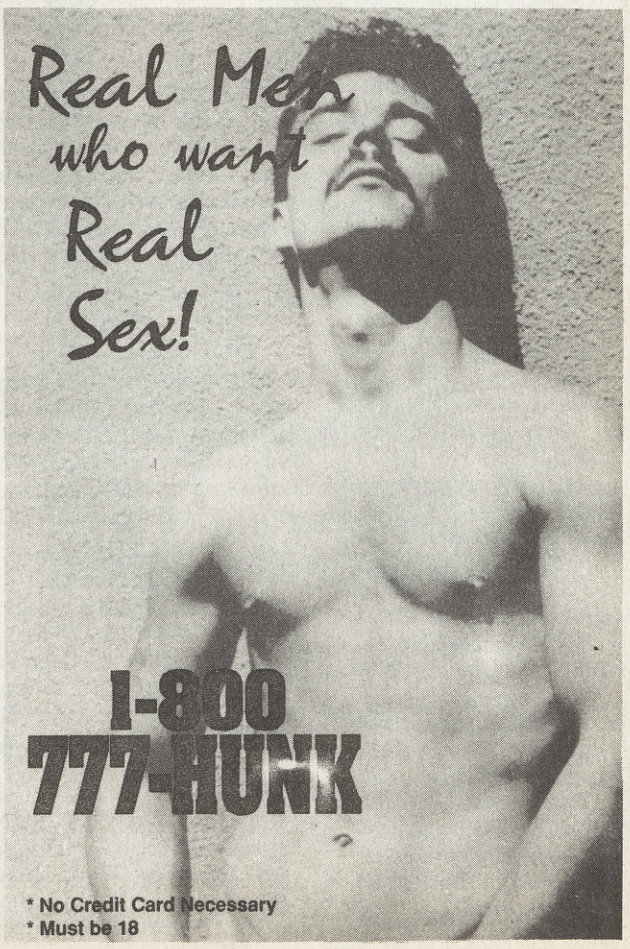

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GWM, 40 YEARS old looking for GWM, 18 - 28 for fun times together. College students a plus. Will make it worth your while. CAll (916) 451-8904 between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. only. [14PL].

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GWM TAKES A chance to try and find his great romance. I'm searching for someone traveling a path who know who he is and knows where he's at. Someone reflective, someone with brains, someone with heart who doesn't play games. I'm fun, I'm happy, I'm in my late 40's. I can't seem to find someone special to date. If you are having a problem like mine answer this ad and don't take your time. There's one final thing I do need to say—cigarette smokers and drinkers throw this away. Respond to PATLAR AD 3-05, C/O PATLAR, PO Box 22402 Sacramento, CA 95822.

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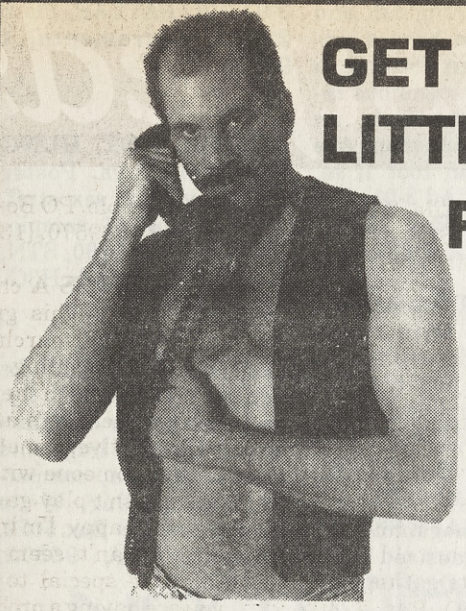

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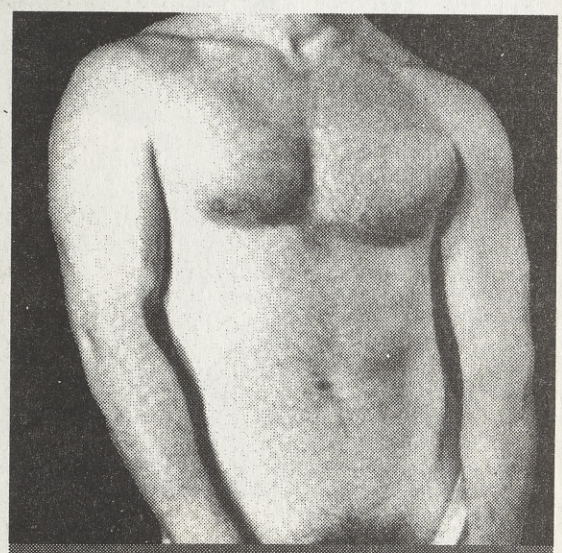

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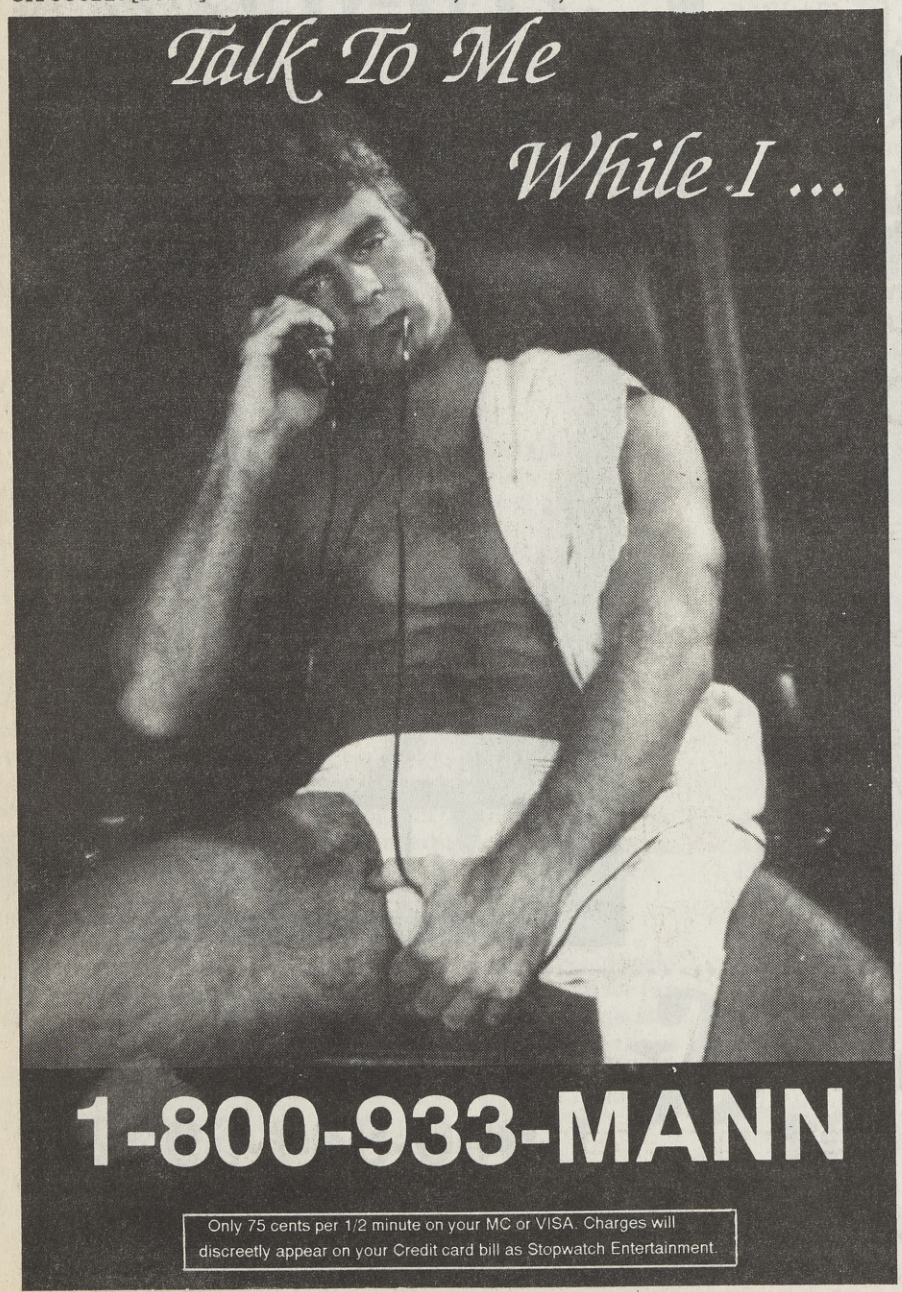
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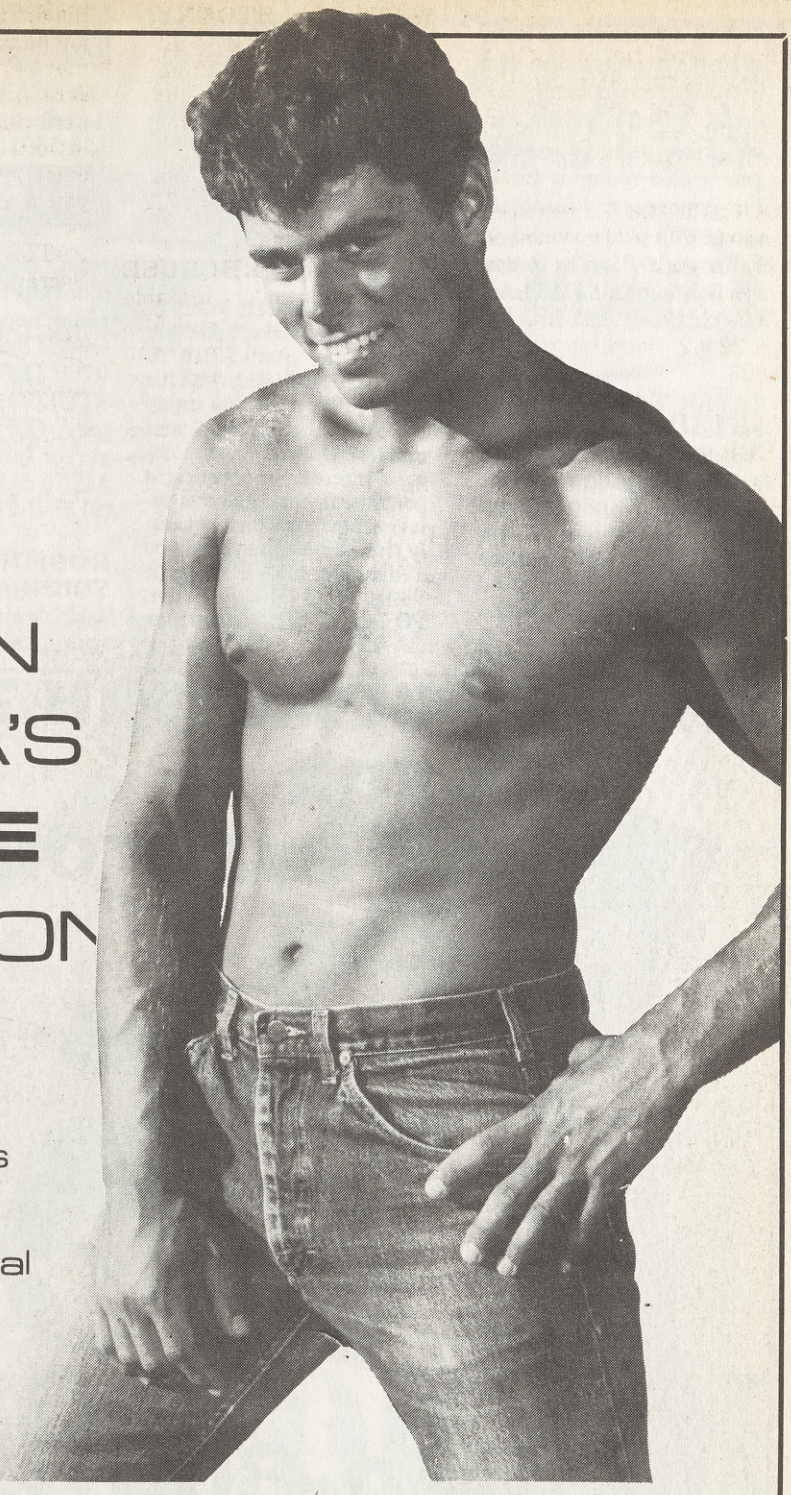

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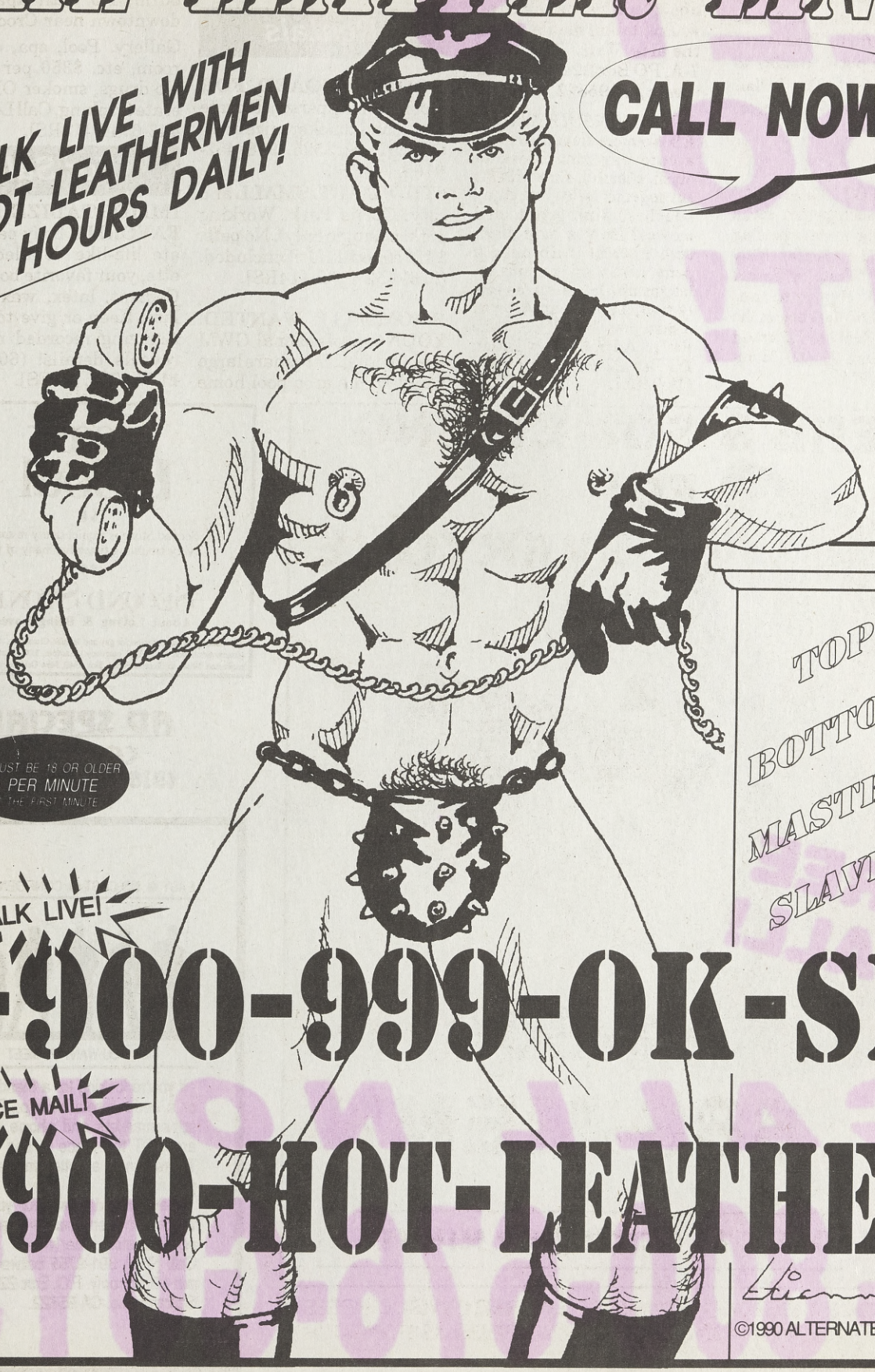

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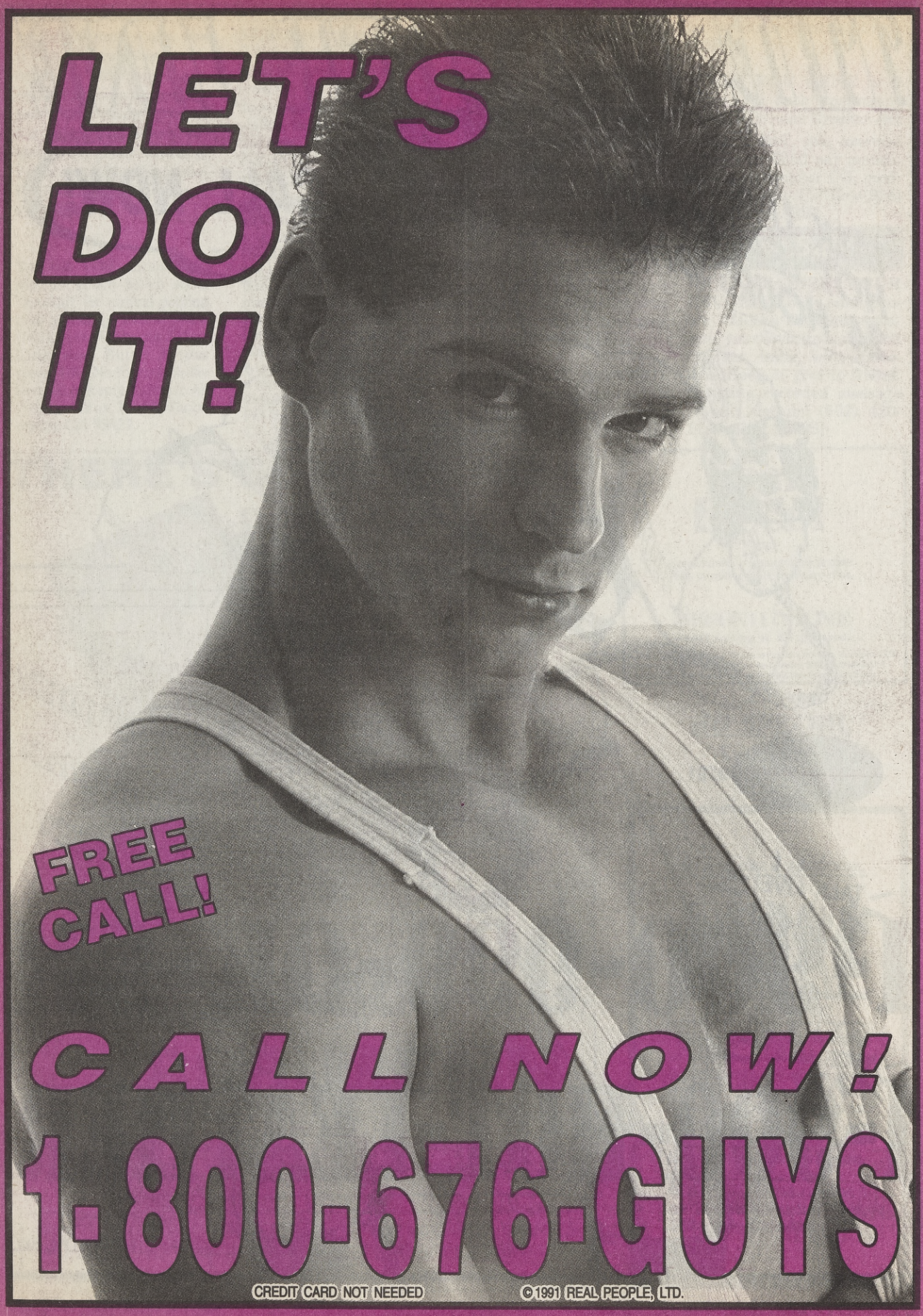
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